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Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Right to Bear Arms

Excellent. Thanks, I'll cross my fingers on that one.

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Sent: Thu Jun 26 04:41:10 2008

Subject: Right to Bear Arms

The US Supreme Court is expected to issue its Second Amendment decision today. I know this is of interest to you, as well as to me and many other Alaskans.

The decision should be issued around 6:00 am, your time. I'll do what I did yesterday with the Exxon Valdez opinion so that you and our press people are in a position to respond quickly if you so choose.

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Cc: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Re: CONFIDENTIAL: Attorney Client Privilege - Flint HillsRefinery/Senator Murkowski

Thanks so much for letting them know of our efforts - we'll cont them so solutions can be found w/Flint Hills.

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Sent: Thu Jun 26 04:25:52 2008

Subject: CONFIDENTIAL: Attorney Client Privilege - Flint HillsRefinery/Senator Murkowski

I wanted you to see the email exchange below between me and Chuck Kleeschulte of Senator Murkowski's office, together with the Senator's recent letter to Governor Palin.

I believe that we anticipated this activity by the Congressional delegation, and your previous statements have put the State in a good position. However, I wanted you to be immediately aware of Senator Murkowski's correspondence in the event that there's anything further DNR should do from a substantive or public relations perspective.

Please let me know if we can do anything further from here.

p.s. I don't normally forward exchanges with staff level people in the delegation, but I wanted you to get a flavor of the impact that Koch has had.

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>>> On 6/26/2008 at 8:16 AM, in message <48635071.CD3B.0090.3@ALASKADC.org>, John Katz <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org> wrote:

Thanks for forwarding the Senator's letter. Senator Stevens and I have had quite a dialog on the same subject.

The bottom line for us is that Tom Irwin and his staff are ready and willing to talk with Koch at any time, the gas pipeline notwithstanding. Recently, Tom stated this publically and, I believe, to Flint Hills directly. However, it is critical that Koch be willing to open its books, and they have been reluctant thus far.

At the moment, the State receives a $1 per barrel premium on royalty oil sold to Flint Hills. It is my understanding that the premium has crept up over the years and will likely be reviewed soon.

I will make sure that the Senator's letter is circulated to appropriate State officials.

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>>> On 6/25/2008 at 7:28 PM, in message <8818898C1A273247869D592201A9F9D202DD9FC6@SENATE-MS25.senate.ussenate.us>, "Kleeschulte, Chuck (Murkowski)" <Chuck_Kleeschulte@murkowski.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi. John: Here is a copy of the text of a letter that was faxed to the Governor in Juneau Wednesday afternoon her time and also mailed to her office. Senator Murkowski has spoken several times with Koch/Flint Hills folks and they have convinced her that they are serious about selling -- that might not be so bad, but more likely closing or turning the North Pole refinery into a fuel distribution facility -- that would be the worst of all worlds if they can't get some royalty oil contract relief given that prices have changed so and contract readjustments don't appear to be open until next year. This is not meant as a political attack, but the Senator is actually very worried about the loss of the refinery and given our chief of staff's talks with Joe Balesh she is really concerned that the Administration may not be taking Koch's concerns terribly seriously. Having real ties to Fairbanks where teenage home, she is concerned about the loss of employment and a host of other issues should the refinery issue fall through the cracks given Tom's, Marty's and Pat workload on AGIA and other issues. Chuck

June 25, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin

Governor, State of Alaska

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Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor:

While I know it may seem paradoxical for an oil refinery to be facing significant losses at this time of record crude oil and gasoline/diesel prices, I am writing to ask you and your administration to immediately undertake a new review of the equity of the state's current royalty oil contract with Flint Hills Resources, which runs the state's largest oil refinery at North Pole.

As you well know the Flint Hills refinery, owned by Koch Industries, is vital to Alaska's economy for a host of reasons. Not only does the refinery employ 155 residents in the Fairbanks area, one of the largest manufacturing employers left in the state, the refinery also produces significant amounts of aviation fuel, which is one of the key reasons why the state's air cargo transshipment industry has boomed in the past decade at both the Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports. Those shipments also constitute a vital revenue source for the state-owned Alaska Railroad. If the refinery were to close due to its losses, or simply convert into a fuel distributor of imported product, it would deny Alaskans of about 60 percent of their locally produced fuel, potentially requiring the state to purchase more expensive fuel from refineries in the Lower 48 States, further hiking prices for gasoline and other fuels - something that simply should not be allowed to happen at this time of record energy prices throughout the State.

I understand fully that there have been issues with the willingness of the refinery's parent company to fully "open their books" so that the state can confirm the actual level of losses that the refinery is facing. I would hope that a confidentiality agreement could be reached quickly should new negotiations open concerning revisions to the 2004 contract so that the State can fully inspect the financial health of the refinery. Given the fundamental importance of the refinery to the state's economy, I encourage the state to consider contract revision talks that could benefit the State overall and the Fairbanks economy in particular.

I know how busy you must be this summer and I thank you for your consideration of this important matter at this time of record fuel prices nationwide. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lisa Murkowski,

U.S. Senator,

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Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: RE: Governor Palin/Fox News/Laura Ingram

Thanks John, I will take of this.

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Subject: Wall Street Journal magazine

Governor-

The WSJ is launching a new magazine in September. They would like to interview you for the "get fit" section. The interview could be over the phone. They want to ask about what you do for exercise – what do you eat for breakfast etc. Here is the catch- they want to send a photographer up in the next couple of week to shoot you exercising. When they pitched this - I thought of a photo op with you running with Trig is the baby jogger.

This may be a good opportunity to promote our get fit challenge.

Thoughts?

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Subject: State Lands/ANWR -- CONFIDENTIAL

I have been asked to convey to you that Secretary Kempthorne and Senator Murkowski are talking about the possibility of federal legislation that would authorize the State of Alaska to undertake a directional drilling program that would reach into a ten mile wide strip of ANWR lands that abut the western edge of ANWR.

The theory is that oil and gas deposits within ANWR could be tapped from State lands without affecting surface resources within the refuge. The State and federal governments would then share the revenues on a 50/50 basis.

The attraction of the proposal is that oil and gas deposits within the ten mile strip could be drilled and produced from State lands without affecting caribou or other resources. The BLM probably will suggest various bells and whistles, but the basic proposal is as I've stated.

Despite the obvious merits, I think that the Congressional leadership will be loathe to take up the proposal, and it could embroil the State in a significant controversy. Hopefully, we will all get a chance to discuss this at a later date.

In the meantime, this concept is likely to become public tomorrow, as Senator Murkowski is contemplating a letter to the Secretary raising the idea. Interior is then expected to respond, and we will be off and running.

As soon as I know more, I will let you know.

P.S.
It is my understanding that Tom may be receiving a briefing on this as well.

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Subject: Second Amendment/Supreme Court

The Court's opinion is 157 pages. So, I have attached the syllabus which briefly summarizes the decision.

As you will note, the Court confirms the individual's right to bear firearms for self defense and other valid purposes. However, the Court would allow certain restrictions mainly based on customary practices, such as prohibiting firearms to felons and people with mental problems, as well as prohibitions on carrying in certain places like schools.

Because the plaintiff did not challenge the licensing requirement for handguns, the Court assumes its validity. This is the only part of the majority opinion I find a bit troublesome simply because of the way the DC government operates in general.

In any event, I think that the opinion will be seen as a clear victory by gun rights supporters, as it affirms the individual rights mentioned in the latter part of the Second Amendment, subject only to reasonable and customary restrictions. There will undoubtedly be future litigation in various states on what sorts of restrictions can be imposed.

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Subject: Second Amendment/Supreme Court

Great news. The US Supreme Court has affirmed the opinion of the US Court of Appeals for DC, which invalidated the DC gun law. (See below)

As soon as the Supreme Court opinion is available, I will be back in touch.

10:13 **Ben Winograd** -
The Court has released the opinion in ***District of Columbia v. Heller*** (07-290), on whether the District's firearms regulations - which bar the possession of handguns and require shotguns and rifles to be kept disassembled or under trigger lock - violate the Second Amendment. The ruling below, which struck down the provisions in question, is **affirmed**.

Justice **Scalia** wrote the opinion. Justice **Breyer** dissented, joined by Justices **Stevens**, **Souter** and **Ginsburg**. We will provide a link to the decision as soon as it is available.

10:13 **Tom Goldstein** - Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm.

10:14 **Tom Goldstein** - It is striking that the decision is not clouded by ambiguity created by separat

10:16 **Tom Goldstein** - Apologies - there is a second dissenting opinion, but only one majority - no plurality and no concurrences

e opinions. One opinion on each side.

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